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SUBJ: CONSULAR FUNCTIONS OF USLO

REF: STATE 209838

1. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT AN INSTRUCTION IN PARA 3 OF
REFTEL WHICH REMINDS USLO THAT "AUTHORIZATION TO PERFORM
CONSULAR FUNCTIONS APPLIES ONLY TO SERVICES PERFORMED
IN USLO ITSELF." NO RELEVANT REGULATIONS AND PREVIOUS
CORRESPONDENCE ARE CITED, AND THERE IS NO INSTRUCTION IN
THE CONSULAR FILES I HAVE SEEN WHICH THE QUOTATION
ABOVE REMINDS ME OF.

2. OBVIOUSLY, MANY CONSULAR FUNCTIONS CANNOT BE PER-
FORMED IN USLO (E..G., PRISON AND HOSPITAL VISITS) AND
WE MAY BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM NORMAL PASSPORT AND
NOTARIAL FUNCTIONS OUTSIDE OF USLO, FOR EXAMPLE, IN
CASE OF THE ILLNESS OF U.S. CITIZENS. WITH SEVERAL
HUNDRED AMERICANS IN CHINA AT ANY GIVEN TIME NOW,
WE EXPECT TO BE CALLED ON MORE AND MORE TO PERFORM
SUCH CONSULAR FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING A SMALL PER-
CENTAGE OUTSIDE USLO.

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3. AS FAR AS I CAN TELL FROM OUR RECORDS, OUR ORIGINAL
TALKS WITH THE CHINESE ON CONSULAR OFFICES ESTABLISHED
THE PRINCIPLE OF TRAVEL TO PERFORM CONSULAR
FUNCTIONS (73 PEKING 0333). THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE
WITH NORMAL US CONSULAR PRACTICE IN OTHER COUNTRIES,
AND WE HAVE ALWAYS ASSUMED IT APPLIED IN CHINA IN THE

ABSENCE OF ANY INSTRUCTION TO THE CONTRARY.

4. OUR FILES HERE, OF COURSE, MAY NOT BE COMPLETE, AND
THERE MAY BE OTHER FACTS OF WHICH WE MAY BE UNAWARE.
I DO NOT THINK, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS
TO RESTRICT USLO'S ABILITY TO ASSIST AMERICAN CITIZENS
AND PERFORM OTHER CONSULAR FUNCTIONS,
AS STATE 209838 APPEARS TO DO. THE CHINESE
ARE RESTRICTIVE ENOUGH.

5. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH STAPE ROY AND ARR-
IVE AT A MODIFICATION OF PARA 3 OF REFTTEL.
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